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Britain who, declared her attitude as not having any concern with the problem, gave double instructions to Von Gutschmid, his envoy in Japan when the negotiation between the three nations reached an agreement. The first of the instructions was to advise Japan (omission) (TM -- The original omits some words). Liaotung for the purpose of ensuring peace in the Orient and the second was private information for reference to the minister when he verbally recommended the first to the Japanese representative and was like^{the} following: "Although we presume Japan will^{not} be so reckless as to wage a war against the three nations, it must be noted that we may put necessary pressure upon Japan^{should} the circumstances require". Von Gutschmid committed this private information to paper as is and delivered it to Vice Minister Hayashi. Consequently, Germany turned out to assume a more violent attitude than even the French or Russians, in spite of her having the least interest in the affair, and the minister^{was} immediately reproved by the home government. Twelve years later, Vice Minister Hayashi told the German Ambassador to Japan, Schwarzenstein, that at the time of the triple intervention, the German minister was the only person who flatly threatened Japan by alluding to force of arms. And so forth --.

-- Information sent to the respective ambassadors in Europe by mail --.

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K. Hayashi
Signature of Official

Witness: Nagaharu Odo

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/s/ Yukio Kawamoto

Tokyo, Japan
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